



GLAD TIDINGS

The New Year lies before you

Like a spotless track of snow.

Be careful how you tread it,

For every mark will show.

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Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Missionary Boot Course

Missionaries of the New Tribes Mission, Chicago, are being toughened for postwar jungle jobs at a "boot camp" in Fouts Springs, California, former CCC site.



A. J. Lebeck

There, 35 candidates for hardship in remote missions learn woodcraft, trail-cutting, how to live in the wild.

New Tribes Mission works in Africa, Latin America, and China.

High Cost of Dying

Every year approximately 1,400,000 people die in the United States, and some 18,000 funeral directors and embalmers compete for the privilege of burying them. Cost estimates for 1942 include the following: for funeral and burial service, \$337,300,000; to cemeteries and crematories, \$163,000,000; for monuments and tombstones, \$60,600,000. Total: \$560,900,000—an average of \$405 per death. By contrast, payments to all hospitals and sanitariaums totaled \$513,100,000.

Church at Work

The machines are shut down in the ten Cleveland plants of Jack and Heintz, aircraft parts manufacturers, during each of the three shifts on Sunday, for one-half hour sermon and service over the public address system. If the people cannot attend church, then the church is taken to them.

Spiritualist Convention

No thumpings, no eerie shrieks, no bouncing tables greeted 400 delegates to the National Spiritualist Association's 51st annual convention in St. Louis. Well-mannered spirits "spoke" over the loudspeaker through the Rev. Anna K. Rose of Philadelphia, Mrs. Maude Kline

of Chicago, dozens of other blindfolded men and women mediums.

Such were nightly demonstrations of modern spiritualism, which claims to use science, philosophy, and religion in linking the seen and the unseen worlds.

Like A.T.&T.'s trunk routes, spirits' communication lines are jammed with extra traffic these days. The Rev. Joseph P. Whitwell of Chicago, courtly-mannered president of U.S. spiritualists since 1925, said that many wartime converts have joined spiritualism's 16 million claimed adherents.

"Warm" Gospel, "Cool" Logic

New Jersey Presbyterian preachers' meeting in Atlantic City got an impromptu lesson in "spiritual nutrition"—how to dish up and serve "hot religion."

Boiled down, this is it: a generous portion of "warm gospel," a dash of "cool logic," a pinch of well-blended philosophy, garnish with passion and "serve hot."

\$1,000,000,000 for Church Repairs

Protestant churches will spend more than \$500 million on their face-lifting program, says Dr. Elbert M. Conover, director of the Inter-denominational Bureau of Architecture. The National Catholic Welfare Council reported plans for between \$300 million and \$350 million for new Catholic structures. Jewish congregations expect to spend about \$200 million.

Missions Quart-A-Day

Few years ago, more milk for China's babies was only a plea from foreign missionaries at Cornell university's "short course" for mission workers. Today, it is a reality—soybean milk developed by university researchers.

Basic Bible

Translation of the Bible from the original into Basic English has been completed by a British professor, S. H. Hooke, of the Bishop of Coventry's staff. The new edition will be published by

Cambridge Press. Basic English, a simplification of the language, reduces the vocabulary to some 900 one- and two-syllable words.

\$1,500,000,000 Suit

The \$1,500,000,000 suit of Grant C. Brown of Pontiac against the Ford Motor Company for alleged patent infringement has been dismissed by Federal Judge Arthur F. Lederle. Judge ruled the company had not infringed on a patent for equalization of automobile brakes as Brown charged. But think of it, a suit for 1½ billion.

145,580 Combat Planes

The United States built 145,000 combat planes—74,853 bombers and 70,627 fighters—between July 1, 1940, and September 30, 1944.

100-Passenger Plane

The Boeing Aircraft Company has made its bid for postwar airline business with the announcement it has successfully test flown a giant double-deck 100-passenger transport plane patterned after the B29 Super Fortress. It has a top speed of 400 miles an hour and a 3,500 mile range.

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Our Responsibility

by FRED VOGLER.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with him also freely give us all things?"—Romans 8:32.

These Scriptures reveal to us God's love to mankind, and the fact that He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." The parable of the lost sheep also reveals to us Christ's attitude toward lost souls. He left the ninety and nine safe in the fold and went after that which was lost, yet nowhere in the Word of God does it teach that all men will be saved.

First, I call your attention to this fact. God has *not* assumed the obligation or responsibility to save all the world—all mankind. He created mankind free moral agents with the power of choice and He wants man to serve Him by choice and not by compulsion. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." God would not be glorified if man were compelled to serve Him. Therefore God has not taken upon Himself the responsibility of saving the world.

But, God has obligated Himself to provide a plan of redemption whereby man can be saved from his sinful state and from the fall of our original parents. When they fell, God immediately promised a deliverer. "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head."—Gen. 3:15. Here begins the highway of the seed: Abel, Seth, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Immanuel—Christ. When God gave His Son He fulfilled all the promises He made concerning the deliverer and the plan of redemption. When John the Baptist saw Jesus he could say, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world" (or, the sin of mankind).—John 1:29. Jesus, dying upon the cross cried out, "It is finished." What was it that was finished? It was the plan of redemption. All the world can now go free by believing and accepting God's provision. He has fulfilled the obligation He assumed; namely, that of providing a plan of salvation for mankind.

Then, too, God has taken upon Himself the responsibility of letting *all men* know of the great plan of redemption that called for the death of His Son. First of all God proved His faithfulness to Israel, His chosen people, for when Christ was born in the city of Bethlehem, the angel of the Lord came to the lowly shepherds and said unto them: "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to *all people*." Note, he says "to all people." Yes, thank God, this Christ, the Saviour, is for all people of every race, every nationality, and every color.

About the time that the angels appeared to the shepherds the wise men came from the East. Now, these men did not come direct to Bethlehem, but evidently the star led them first to Herod. Why? Because God wanted not only the lowly shepherds to hear of the Saviour's birth, but also the king and the rulers of the people, with the scribes. God did everything possible to let all the nation know of the advent of His Son. When Herod was asked, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" he was troubled and all Jerusalem with him, and, calling for the chief priests and the scribes, he "demanded of them where Christ should be born." Thus it was that all from the lowliest to the highest heard the message that the Christ was born. They will be without excuse at the judgment, for God fulfilled His obligation to let the nation know of the birth of His Son.

Since the death, the resurrection and the ascension of our Lord, God has rightfully expected of all the followers of Christ that they share in the responsibility of taking the message to all the world. The supreme command is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." I believe the Assemblies of God has been raised up to participate in the fulfilling of this command to make Christ known to the world. Why did God pour out His Spirit upon us? Jesus gives the answer when He says, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Remember, if we accept God's gift of the Holy Spirit, then we



Fred Vogler

must also share in His responsibility of "beginning at Jerusalem," then "to the uttermost parts."

Oh, that God would lay the burden of this responsibility on our hearts so that we will pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest! The "Forward for Christ" vision is for five hundred new missionaries, five thousand native workers, and fifty thousand prayer warriors. Let us also ask Him for five hundred thousand converts saved through the blood of the Lamb to present at His coming. Then we need to pray for the necessary finance to carry on this work of evangelization. A five-million-dollar goal would not be too high.

At the present time Assembly of God missionaries are working in over fifty foreign countries. The doors are opening again and our missionaries are going forth. Twenty-six missionaries and eleven children have gone to Africa since March 1, some for their first term and others are returning to their field of labor. Still others have returned to India and a goodly number have gone to South America and other Latin countries. Remember, where Christ works, we must work; where Christ goes, we must go. A working church will work with Christ; a going church will go with Christ.

Is the work difficult?

Jesus directs thee.

Is the path dangerous?

Jesus protects thee.

Fear not, and falter not,—

Let the Word cheer thee!—

All through the coming year

He will be near thee!

—F. R. Havergal.

Forgetting Those Things Which Are Behind

by R. J. THURMOND

"This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before . . ." (Phil. 3:13).



One of the greatest problems of all humanity is forgetting. To forget means "to lose memory of." It is a cause of great embarrassment when we forget the name of someone. It is also embarrassing, and sometimes inconvenient, when we forget a street or a house number, or fail to recall something that ordinarily would be easy. It is a cause of embarrassment also when the preacher misses his point and wanders down a side thought, and then cannot get back to the thought he was using.

Forgetting the house key, the car keys, the office keys; forgetting an appointment; forgetting the food on the stove or in the oven; forgetting to relay something of importance on to someone else. . . . Forgetting, forgetting,—forgetting! We blame it on being "too busy," "in a hurry." "Someone interrupted," "old age," etc. But really there is no need for this as the real answer to it is often carelessness. In undue stress, emergencies, and sickness, forgetting is excusable; but a little carefulness and application on our part would greatly help, and thus save embarrassment and help us develop a keen mentality.

The things that are so vital and necessary seem to slip from us so easily at times, while foolishness, hurts, injuries, contempt, things of ill-will, seem to make a lasting impression. And though we try so hard, it seems they persist, "never to be forgotten." Thank God, though, for grace, His grace; for where "sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20). When, with all carefulness and application on our part, the situation seems hopeless and it seems we cannot forget—"there is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains." Hallelujah! "The blood of Jesus

Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sins" (1 John 1:7). The Psalmist sought the Lord diligently, waited patiently, the 40th Psalm says, and finally the Lord heard him and delivered him out of the horrible pit and miry clay, and put a new song in his mouth.

1944 is past. Its sorrows, heartaches, bitterness, misunderstandings, selfishness, brutality of war, coldness of Christian profession and churchanity, are all in the past.

1945 lies ahead. A new year! What does it hold for you? A continuation of disappointments or a year of God's blessings? A year of joyous fellowship together in service to the Master, or of strife, and malice because of the past? A new year has dawned. The past cannot be lived again. The words of Paul are very fitting—"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We would not forget His many blessings to us individually and as a nation in these years of war. We would not forget the many acts of kindness, love, and mercy. Thank God for the helping hands, the friendly spirit, the loving hearts. Above all, thank God our Father for the greatest of all revelations to our hearts in the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). We should not—we cannot afford to—forget Him who is our only hope of salvation. Though the church is being

tested and tried as by fire—we press on, forgetting those things behind that would weigh us down and tie us to the carnal earth-life. We are a spiritual Israel. God is our heavenly Father. His love is over all. He has never, and will never fail us. Though the testings of 1944 have been great, His love has never failed us. And 1945 has promise of a better year as we keep our eyes on the prize.

Our hope is on Christ's coming. Hallelujah! Perhaps it may be the dawning of that morning. It will pay to have all accounts settled—forgotten—and brotherly love prevailing in every church, between every minister, and God's people pressing on, ever forgetting those things which are behind. It does not pay to dwell on past accomplishments, to expect plaudit and acclaim here. Forget, forget, forget—determined to know nothing save Jesus Christ and Him crucified, that our lives may be fruitful unto every good work and finally receive the prize.

1945 is a new year. It is up to each of us to consecrate our lives anew to His service and cause. New accomplishments lie ahead, and new testings, but 1944 has been a stepping stone and a schooling to equip us. Reach forth unto those things before us. Souls are perishing! The need is great! The reward is sure!

Toward the rising of the sun
Now thy standard raise!
Let thy New Year's halt be one
In the Camp of Praise.
Then the wilderness shall be
Fruitful, fair, and glad for thee.

Periodical godliness is perpetual hypocrisy.

A Happy New Year to You

New mercies, new blessing, new light on thy way;
New courage, new hope, and new strength for each day;
New notes of thanksgiving, new chord of delight,
New praise in the morning, new songs in the night;
New wine in thy chalice, new altars to raise;
New fruits for thy Master, new garments of praise;
New gifts from His treasures, new smiles from His face;
New streams from the fountain of infinite grace;
New stars for thy crown, and new tokens of love;
New gleams of the glory that waits thee above;
New light of His countenance full and unpriced;—
All this be the joy of thy new year in Christ!

—F. R. Havergal.

May the New Year Be Marked by the Demonstration of the Spirit and Power

by V. ERNEST SHORES

As we are entering a new year we are made to remember the word of the

Lord to Joshua in chapter 3, the latter part of verse 4: "Ye have not passed this way heretofore." We are entering the fourth year of the war for America, the longest period we have been at war

since the great Civil War of 1861-65. Surely Scripture is being fulfilled and these are the last days; the coming of the Lord is nigh at hand. Perhaps this new year will be the red-letter year for the Christian. The year when our fondest hopes are realized in the return of our bridegroom the Lord Jesus.

As we see the days growing shorter and shorter and we remember the words of Jesus, "The night cometh when no man can work" (John 9:4b), we are made to know that which we would do must be done quickly.

The question arises in our hearts, How can I do more than I am? Or, how can I be more effective in that which I am already doing? May I answer that question by giving you Paul's words in 1 Cor. 2:4: "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." I believe the great need today in the Christian's life is exactly that demonstration of the Spirit and of power; that we can only do those things that need to be done when our life is controlled fully by the Holy Spirit; that we can meet and overcome the enemy in the many and subtle ways he presents himself only when we are "full of the Holy Ghost." Living and walking in the Spirit, "This I say then, walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. . . . If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Gal. 5:16, 25)

What, then, is the demonstration of the Spirit in the Christian's life? FIRST, a zeal for the Lord. We read in John 2:17, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." Too many of us are

remembering the past blessings and work done for the Lord, and living on them, but are doing little or nothing for Him now. When the wise man said, "Where there is no vision the people perish" (Prov. 29:18), it is apparent there was a two-fold meaning. One, souls of lost men shall go down into destruction unless we who know the way of salvation have a vision of their need and point them to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." And second, that we who are saved shall dry up in our souls unless we give out some of the good things of the Lord we have received. "Freely ye have received, freely give." We are the bearers of good tidings, and we do not well to keep them to ourselves.

The SECOND demonstration of the Spirit in the Christian's life is a holy boldness. It seems many have a desire to do something for God, but are bound by a fear complex or timidity. Being filled with the Spirit places at our command a power sufficient to overcome this condition. The word *Christian* actually means *like Christ*. We read in John 7:26 these words, "But lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that is the very Christ." If we find ourselves beset by this common weakness, there is no need for discouragement, we are Christ's. He will give His Spirit to help us. Paul, the great missionary apostle, requested prayer that he might have needed boldness, in Ephesians 6:19: "and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel."

The THIRD demonstration of the Spirit and power is, an unusual strength in spiritual things, strength that may be seen exemplified in Samson. As long as the Spirit of the Lord was upon him there was nothing impossible to his great strength, but when the Spirit lifted he was "as any other man." Jesus said as a parting message to His disciples and to all believers in ages to come: "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and

unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

The FOURTH demonstration of the Spirit is meekness. This may seem to be a contradiction, and in the world it is. Most strong men love to show off their strength, and often do by bullying those who are weaker. But with the Spirit-filled Christian there is real manliness, real courage, strength, power of will, and all a strong man will have, and yet that gentleness and meekness that beautifies a life. Paul gave as one of the fruits of the Spirit, meekness. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:22, 23).

The FIFTH demonstration of the Spirit is a true love for God and the brethren and for lost men. Stephen's love for God led him to witness of Christ at the risk of his own life. His love for lost men was shown both in his witnessing to them of the Saviour and in his prayer for them as they were stoning him to death. "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge" (Acts 7:60). We read of Stephen, "And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 6:5). May we seek to be as Stephen in our relations with the Lord.

If lacking, this demonstration should be sought. Sought just as earnestly as we sought salvation or the baptism of the Holy Ghost. "Seek and ye shall find," said the Master. I recall in my own experience that after I had received the Holy Spirit's baptism there was quite a time elapsed before there was a refilling of the Spirit. My soul was disturbed and this drove me to my knees seeking God with all my heart. It is easy to become complacent and lose fervor and power the Holy Spirit brings into the vessel He blesses by entering. The best way to retain His presence is to let Him use us for God's glory.

It is the enemy's purpose to stop the flow of the Spirit in our lives. But it is the privilege of the Christian to have this flow. "He that believeth on Me, as the scriptures hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38).

Faith must be exercised in yielding to the Spirit, that He might dwell within and use us in the days to come more than at any time in the past. Let us

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News From Here and There

ALAMO—W. B. Raley has resigned as pastor after serving the church for about two years.

ALTURAS—A new building has been secured, and the good folk there are rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord upon the services since they have moved into it. The Shasta District fellowship meeting was held there December 5 with good results. Brother John Morley of Montague brought the afternoon message. Pastor H. W. Brown of Weed was the evening speaker. Doyl Adams is pastor.

ATWATER—Evangelist and Mrs. Wesley Pope held a good meeting for Pastor S. Albert Ogle during the late fall. The church entertained the South San Joaquin fellowship meeting November 20. Brother Garland from Los Angeles was the afternoon speaker. Brother Stevens of Dumas, Texas, spoke in the evening service. Between the services the ladies served 200 people with a turkey dinner. It was a day of blessing to all who attended.

AUBURN—Pastor M. H. Luce reports: "Evangelist Maurice V. Contreras held a four weeks revival meeting here. His ministry of preaching and singing attracted wide attention and the meetings were well attended. Several were saved and five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, one of whom was the wife of a local minister. . . . For genuine spiritual achievement and results this meeting has been one of the best we have had."

BOONVILLE—Brother Hurless H. Teeters, formerly assistant pastor to Brother Belchar in Eureka, held a meeting for Pastor D. W. Morrow recently.

COLUSA—The South Sacramento fellowship meeting was held there December 11. Floyd R. Hoole is the pastor.

CUPERTINO—Brother G. A. Fletcher resigned as pastor and had his last service there November 15. Jas. C. Merwin, formerly of Trinidad, is the new pastor.

DELHI—Pastor P. C. Tacker writes: "I can report victory from Delhi. We had Brother Harold Persing for a two-weeks campaign in October. . . . Three were saved and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, several backsliders reclaimed, and the church generally revived. Since this campaign we have had three saved, two were servicemen, and one cadet filled with the Holy Ghost. He was a former student of Northwest Bible Institute in Minneapolis. There is a real revival spirit in our services. . . . Every man in our church who is a member, except one, has received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. To God be all the glory."

FALLON, NEVADA—The Nevada district fellowship meeting was held there December 11. J. J. Krimmer is the pastor.

FERNDALE—The work has been going along very nicely and has now been taken off the home missionary list. The Lord has been blessing and the work has been growing until now the church is self-supporting. Warren V. Pine is the pastor succeeding L. E. Dowdy

who has recently gone to Venezuela as a missionary.

FORT BRAGG—John A. Westfall, formerly of Lower Lake, is the new pastor.

FORTUNA—The new pastor is Elmer C. Shively, formerly of Washington, instead of Brother Stovall, as had been previously announced.

GRASS VALLEY—Evangelist Maurice Contreras held a good meeting for Pastor W. A. McBride in November.

GRIDLEY—Under date of November 15, Nellie M. Owen, church secretary, reported: The Gridley Assembly of God is praising the Lord for a continual spirit of revival . . . during the ministry of our faithful pastors, Brother and Sister W. T. Scott . . . an average attendance of between 140 and 145 in Sunday School this past year. The Lord has been saving souls, filling believers, and adding to our numbers. We are looking forward to burning the church mortgage November 26. . . . Also happy to say the church has purchased additional property adjoining the church so that we may enlarge our borders to accommodate the already capacity crowds. . . . A fine two weeks meeting with Brother Z. P. Miller has just been closed. . . . Now engaged in special services with Brother Jack White. We are feasting on the Word and looking forward to an even greater rain from above."

HALF MOON BAY—Emmy Pearson is the new pastor. Geraldine Montague, from the Oregon District, is her assistant.

HAYWARD—Robert Pirtle was chosen pastor at a business meeting held December 12.

HEALDSBURG—Pastor Seth Hartman writes: "We have just closed a four weeks meeting with Evangelist H. E. Schneidau who was formerly the pastor of the Christian Church here in Healdsburg. God blessed his ministry with us. He is filled with the Holy Ghost. . . . His messages are both evangelistic and teaching. We recommend him . . . to anyone."

HIWAY CITY—Brother W. A. Frazier resigned, effective the first of December, to enter evangelistic work. Gilbert Ewing, the church secretary, writes: "During his stay of nearly two years, the church has grown, a parsonage has been bought and paid for, as well as additional parking space. . . ." Ralph Gaither is the new pastor.

HOOPA—Property has been purchased on which to build a new church as soon as possible. C. F. Rowe is the pastor.

KLAMATH—Brother B. T. Bard held a week's meeting the first part of December with good results. Some saved, others interested, and the Sunday School well attended. N. R. Ingram is the pastor.

LINCOLN—Evangelist Harold and Mrs. Spurgeon held a very good meeting in December for Pastors Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw.

LIVINGSTON—Evangelist W. A. Frazier began a meeting for Pastor J. C. Gaither on December 3. Report comes that they are having good results.

LODI—Evangelist Hans F. Bretschneider concluded a good meeting in Glad Tidings Temple late in November. Stanley P. McPherson is pastor.

LOS BANOS—Arthur Lindvall, formerly of San Carlos, is the new pastor.

LOS GATOS—Evangelist Z. P. Miller held a revival campaign for Pastor L. E. Bersinger in November.

LOVELOCK, NEVADA—Evangelist Joseph H. Syverson held a campaign there in October. On November 26, Brother Z. P. Miller began a meeting. B. G. Syverson is the pastor.

LOWER LAKE—The Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting was held there November 13. Sister Wilson of Willits brought the afternoon message. Sister Ayers was the evening speaker. Fred W. Pagel is the pastor.

MANTECA—The church has been undergoing some extensive remodeling and improvements during recent weeks. Vernon L. Klemin is the pastor.

MENLO PARK—A. J. Princic, former missionary to Africa, is the new pastor.

MIDDLETOWN—The erection of the new church is progressing very well. It will be 40 x 60 in measurement, and is being built of Basalt blocks. The Sunday School attendance has increased to 48, and general interest is being shown. The Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting was held there in December. Souls were saved and others interested. Brother R. C. Fulmer of St. Helena was the evening speaker. Lyle W. Corsaw is the pastor.

MODESTO (Airport Assembly)—Though the church has been in the fellowship for about two years, they entertained the district fellowship meeting for the first time in their newly constructed stone church located in the airport area. It was a fine day of fellowship and blessings of the Lord. The ladies served a full dinner to all those present. Ernest Adams is the pastor.

MODESTO (6th and G Sts.)—Brother W. F. Hurley is supplying the pulpit while Brother and Sister Langley are away on leave of absence.

MONTAGUE—John Morley is the new pastor.

MONTEREY—The Coast Counties fellowship meeting was held there October 23. Brother Oral Hart, who has been ministering in Pacific Grove for the past weeks, was the evening speaker. W. C. Robinson is the pastor.

NORTH SACRAMENTO—C. V. Hummel and Rosemary held a good meeting there ending November 12. Before that time they held meetings in Central Valley and Salyer. The two congregations in North Sacramento, of the Friendly Church and Faith Tabernacle, have united and together are planning the

erection of a church in a more accessible location, after disposing of the two present buildings. S. F. Hutchinson is the pastor.

OAKLAND (Bethel Tabernacle)—Brother Howard C. Osgood, missionary to China, is conducting a "Bible Conference and Edification meeting" for the first two weeks in the new year, possibly longer, with Pastor R. H. Moon. Brother and Sister Osgood are playing and singing at all services which are being held nightly except Mondays and Saturdays.

OAKLAND (Temple Church)—Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Pipkin held a good revival campaign for Pastor E. Wm. Anderson in December.

OAKLAND (Tabernacle of God)—The new pastor, V. Ernest Shores and Mrs. Shores have arrived and taken over the church duties. December 3 was their first Sunday in the pulpit. District Secretary R. J. Thurmond conducted an installation service for him, Sunday, December 10.

ORLAND—Brother Finfrock held a good meeting for Pastor Ray Parks recently.

OROVILLE—The North Sacramento fellowship meeting was held in Oroville October 30. Evangelist Nels Lien was the afternoon speaker. During the evening service, Pastor M. E. Hammond and the church board burned the mortgage of the church and parsonage. Brother Paul Radley, the District Presbyter, spoke in the evening. Many extra chairs were provided, and the building was filled in spite of a downpour of rain. Brother Lien began revival meetings October 22. Souls were saved and many blessed and re-lived.

PATTERSON—Pastor Henry C. Vancil reports: "We had a very successful revival with Filipino Evangelist E. C. Lagmay. Four were saved and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. . . . We are praising God for Brother Lagmay's ministry here."

PETALUMA—After six years of ministry in which a fine church building was erected, Pastor T. B. Don Carlos has resigned effective January 28.

PITTSBURG (Bella Vista)—Evangelist Jack White had a very good meeting with Pastor Thomas Hickerson. Seven were at the altar for salvation, and the church was greatly blessed.

PORTOLA—Pastor Virgil T. Eldridge is coming along nicely with the construction of the new church. They enjoyed a very good two weeks meeting with Evangelist Benson recently. Souls were saved and others interested.

QUINCY—Brother and Sister L. A. Dodson held a good meeting with Pastor M. M. York during November.

REDWOOD CITY—The Peninsula fellowship meeting was held there December 11. Brother Gaylord Atwell and a student quartet from G. T. B. I. were present and gave special music. The speaker of the evening was Evangelist Dean Duncan, at present taking studies at the school. E. R. Gomes is the pastor.

RICHMOND—Evangelist Joseph Garland began an old-fashioned revival campaign with Pastor C. Ely Persing on December 10.

RIPON—The North San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held in the new Good Tid-

ings Church in Ripon on December 4. The Good Tidings Church of Delhi is sponsoring this new work. Evangelist Hans F. Bretschneider was the afternoon speaker. Superintendent W. T. Gaston was the evening speaker. The church is located on Highway 99, opposite the Southern Pacific depot. E. S. Murray is the pastor.

ROHNERVILLE—The Redwood district fellowship meeting was held there in November with a good crowd both afternoon and evening. Brother George McNutt of Fruitland spoke in the afternoon. The ladies served a fellowship dinner at a local hall. Sister Marie Filardo was speaker at the C. A. service in the evening. And District Presbyter J. W. Belchar was the evening speaker. Pastor L. A. Lawrence has been busy making improvements on the parsonage and church, remodeling and redecorating.

SAN CARLOS—Everett Kelly is the new pastor succeeding Brother Arthur Lindvall.

SAN JOSE (Upper Room Mission)—Evangelist A. F. Bretschneider begins a revival campaign Sunday, December 31, on Watch Night service. At the same time a prayer revival is being conducted every afternoon at 2 o'clock with the exception of Mondays and Saturdays, in which the various brethren of the Peninsula sub-district are taking part. Max Freemark, pastor.

ST. HELENA—Brother and Sister Harold Spurgeon of Texas held a good meeting in November for Pastor R. C. Fulmer. Brother Spurgeon is a brother of Sister Fulmer.

SEBASTOPOL—The Northbay fellowship meeting was held there November 20 with very good attendance. Rev. H. E. Schneidau, former pastor of the Healdsburg Christian Church, spoke in the afternoon service. District Presbyter M. P. Bohnet was the evening speaker.

STIRLING CITY—Pastor J. Keith Whitford recently reported the activities of the church for the past few months. He writes: "In June we had meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Brown. In August we had Evangelist and Mrs. Marcus Gaston. Immediately following we had special children's meetings with Sister Arline Parks; and then in September we had Evangelist Amelia Joseph of the Eastern District. God richly blessed their ministries to all in Stirling." Three new Sunday School rooms have been constructed recently.

SUMMIT CITY—Sister Bernice Mast, assisted by Sister Webb, held special meetings for Pastor Zola F. Grosscup in November.

SUSANVILLE—Pastor George W. Kiser writes: "We have just closed a three weeks meeting with Stanley Walsh of San Leandro. Three were saved and two backsliders came back to the Lord. The church has been stirred and is looking forward to God's moving in our community."

TRANQUILITY—Mrs. I. W. Myers is the new pastor, succeeding W. F. Hurley.

TRINIDAD—Brother Jas. C. Merwin has resigned as pastor.

TURLOCK—"Bethel Temple has just closed a special evangelistic effort with John H. Bostrom of Pasadena as the evangelist. While Brother Bostrom was here only a short

period of time we consider it very profitably spent. . . . The attendance both week nights and Sunday was considered good. The personal workers' class conducted each night before the evening service was well attended and appreciated by all. No doubt much good will come as the Lord uses His people to carry out these instructions. Brother Bostrom has a ministry that will be a blessing to any assembly."—Allen J. Brown, Pastor.

UKIAH—Victor A. Sanderson, Representative of the Servicemen's Department of Springfield, was the special speaker at the morning service of December 3. Raymond P. Murray is pastor.

UPPER LAKE—Brother and Sister B. C. Finfrock held a good meeting there early in November. Grace V. Badder and Ella M. Beare, pastors.

VACAVILLE—The Northbay fellowship meeting was held in the newly remodeled church in Vacaville. The remodeled church and new parsonage next door were dedicated at the evening service. Pastor and Sister Lee Constant have labored long and hard to achieve these results, and the people were happy to rejoice with them and the congregation in what has been done and dedicated to the service of the Lord. Brother L. R. Anderson, assistant pastor in Santa Rosa, was the afternoon speaker. Evangelist Harold H. Spurgeon, from Corpus Christi, Texas, was the speaker in the evening service which was a C. A. rally under the leadership of Brother T. J. Custock, their sectional chairman.

VALLEJO (Chabot Terrace)—Evangelist H. E. Schneidau of Healdsburg, held a meeting for Pastor T. J. Custock in December. We are happy to see our brother, who has been a minister with another organization, step out and labor among us since he has been filled with the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal fashion.

WALNUT CREEK—The Eastbay fellowship meeting was held there December 11. Evangelist Bruce York was the evening speaker. Wilbur Ogilvie is the Pastor.

WESTWOOD—Brother L. A. Dodson held a good two weeks meetings with Pastor A. A. White the latter part of October. Souls were saved, and the Sunday School attendance increased to a new record of 143.

WHEATLAND—Evangelist C. V. Hummel and daughter Rosemary held a good meeting for Pastor Daisy V. Fowler the latter part of November.

WINNEMUCA—Brother and Sister R. L. Rutkowski have left to engage in gospel work elsewhere. The work will be closed until other workers go there and carry on.

YREKA—In November the final payment was made on the mortgage which had been hanging over the church for several years. This meant the removal of all indebtedness on both the church and parsonage. In conjunction with the sectional C. A. rally on November 21, the mortgage-burning ceremony was conducted by District Presbyter R. E. Cull. It was a happy occasion to all the local church folk who had labored faithfully in meeting the obligation. The rally was well attended, and considerable interest was stirred by the program and message. E.

W. Knutsen is the C. A. sectional chairman. Wm. C. Jones is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel Temple)—Nelson E. Hinmann was chosen pastor of Bethel, as successor to Brother W. T. Gaston, at a business meeting held December 19.

Personal Mention

Brother and Sister J. H. CARVER, formerly of Sunnyvale, have been doing evangelistic work in Texas since leaving the District, holding meetings in Corsicana and Cleburne and other assemblies. The Lord has been blessing their ministry for which fact they are rejoicing.

Pastor DONALD G. WESTON of Bethel Church, Modesto, held an evangelistic campaign for Pastor Clarence Hershey in Ogden, Utah, from November 21 to December 3.

Evangelist J. W. STOVALL, held a good four weeks meeting in Ashland, Oregon. He reports that 23 were filled with the Holy Spirit and 13 saved. On November 26 he began a meeting with Pastor HAROLD PERSING.

JESSE A. MOORE is now the pastor in Holly, Colorado.

Brother and Sister D. L. BROWN have been holding evangelistic meetings in Oregon. They were in a good meeting in Chiloquin in November.

New Arrivals

Just too late for the November issue, came word of the arrival of little George Bruce on October 20 into the home of Pastor and Mrs. R. T. Doherty. He must be a perfect baby, he's number seven.

PFC Roger James Duguid was inducted into this world November 30, 1944. In the *infantry* at present, he is stationed in San Jose with his Commanding Officers, Brother and Sister James A. Duguid. Beverly Rae, his sister, is said to be Top Sergeant. (We believe, however, Private Roger is making the C.O.'s step to his orders.)

We have no more faith at any time than we have in the hour of trial.

The Lehmann Brothers

Brother and Sister Harold S. Lehmann and family arrived at Acora, Gold Coast, British West Africa, late in November. From there the journey to their station takes them 250 miles inland to Tamale, Northern Territories.

They left Miami, Florida, by plane on October 6. En route they touched Port Au Prince, Haiti; Port of Spain, Trinidad; Paramibo, Dutch Guiana; Belem and Natal, Brazil. From the latter point they crossed the Atlantic, landing at Fisherman's Lake, Liberia. Their address is P.O. Box 2, Tamale, Northern Territories, Gold Coast, British West Africa.

Chaplain Donald F. Lehmann, now holding the rank of captain, in the 95th Division of Patton's Third Army, which took Metz and pressed on into Germany, has been wounded in action. "Dad" Lehmann reports, "We do not know where nor when, as the only information we have is a part of a letter from his commanding officer to his headquarters, as follows: 'Fortunately it was a slight wound and Chaplain Lehmann was not required to be hospitalized. I want to take this opportunity to inform you of the splendid work Chaplain Lehmann has been doing. I regard him as one of the best chaplains in the Division. He has exemplified the teaching of the Master by his daily living and devotion to his duty as a chaplain. He has the highest respect of the officers and men with whom he serves. Personally, I wish we had more chaplains like him. Again I wish to assure you that his wounds were slight and there is no need for worry concerning his health. Chaplain Lehmann has received the award of the Purple Heart which he most rightfully deserves.'"

We were extremely sorry to hear of the sorrow of our Brother and Sister George McNutt of Fruitland in the loss of their little son, Jackie. May the blessing of the Comforter make it a sweet sorrow in the knowledge that their treasure has been transplanted into heaven beyond all ills of earth.

Note: Pastor Harry Oeth, Tuolumne, Calif., would like to buy a set of "Handfulls on Purpose," new or used.

Beatitudes for Pastors

1. Blessed is the pastor who is sanctified wholly, dead to everything—people, place, and filthy lucre—and called to God to shepherd the flock. He shall be happy.

2. Blessed is the pastor who, with a vision, has his eyes open watching for every opportunity to advance the cause of God. He shall be wanted.

3. Blessed is the pastor who is not lazy nor slovenly, about himself, his dwelling place, or the church building in which he preaches. He shall be respected.

4. Blessed is the pastor who does not blame wife, children, church officials, or any one else for his failures. He shall have cause to rejoice.

5. Blessed is the pastor whose wife is an example to the women of the flock in dress, deportment, and housekeeping. He shall have a prize far above rubies.

6. Blessed is the pastor whose children are under control. He shall be able to take care of the church of God.

7. Blessed is the pastor who gets familiar with neither his church members nor his neighbors. He shall always have friends.

8. Blessed is the pastor who does not discredit the work of his predecessor and who is not offended when the former pastor is highly spoken of. He shall be well liked.

9. Blessed is the pastor who does not write back to the members of his former charge giving them advice and telling his own needs. He shall not suffer from a guilty conscience.

10. Blessed is the pastor who does not let the tales of woe or gossip heard during the week affect his Sunday morning message, but having received his message from above, he feeds the flock of God. He shall be a shepherd indeed.

—The Kentucky Challenge.

New Chaplain

James A. Duguid has received appointment as chaplain in the U.S. Army. He has gone to Fort Devens, Mass., to the school for chaplains before being assigned to further duties. May blessing and wisdom from above always be present with Brother "Jimmy," and we trust God will grant him many souls won for Jesus Christ our Lord.

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New Year Greetings

by the Superintendent

This year promises to be one of the most eventful years in history. The global conflict rages on and the price yet to pay may prove more exacting than some are now prepared to believe; yet there is strong confidence that during this year we shall see the beginning of the end.

By the time this reaches you we will be well started on the new year. Many resolutions will be on the casualty list, while others, menaced and battered by "near misses," will still be afloat. What can we do to nurture and keep alive the aspirations that have gripped us anew during this season? Since we are barely over the threshold, I will venture some suggestions for the year so recently tagged 1945.

1. Let Us Claim All of It for Christ.

In Washington, D.C., there is a monument of Columbus claiming this country for his sovereign. He knew little of the extent or the resources of this great land, but he laid claim to all of it. Little do we know of the year that stretches ahead of us, but we can claim the whole of it for our Sovereign. Blessed be His name!

2. Make This the Best Year.

I shall never forget the testimony of one of God's hidden ones. She had raised a family, had been moderately well-to-do, but in her old age had been pushed off by her family and was living by the generosity of Christian friends. She was not strong, and trembled as she stood to testify. With a glowing face and a voice that carried conviction, she said, "This has been the best year of my life." God had poured grace and blessing upon her until eternal youth was in her exultant spirit—"this is the best year."

My friends in the ministry, I covet this for you. Could we only catch the inspiration—not a few of us, but all of us—this could be the best year. We

Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

January 1—Chico, Fortuna, Susanville
8—Daly City, Manteca, Oakland (Bethany Chapel), Ukiah
15—Calistoga, Madera, Seaside

know we have never been as spiritual, as dynamic, as we might have been. How about this year? Will we go limping and dragging through like Pharaoh with the wheels off his chariot, or shall we so redeem the time and rise to the need of the hour that should Jesus tarry and we come to another watch night service, we, too, could testify "this has been the best year of my life"?

Of course this suggestion is not to ministers only, but to all who read these lines. Could there not be an upsurge of faith in each believing soul? Let us raise our sights and hopes. There are deeper experiences, richer satisfactions, and wider fields of service for each of us this year of our Lord 1945.

Changes in the 1944-45 Minute Book

Insert on Page 93 (Affiliated Churches):

*UPPER LAKE, CALIF., Assembly of God, Grace V. Badder and Ella M. Beare, Pastors. Services: Sunday, Wednesday.

Change: SEBASTOPOL, CALIF., Assembly of God; Everett R. Stewart, Pastor to page 92. Should be listed among the Affiliated Churches instead of under Associated Churches.

Change: Mrs. Zola F. Grosscup should be listed as ordained on page 73 instead of under Licentiates.

Insert: Grace V. Badder, Upper Lake, on page 77 (Licentiate). Frank Savior, 246 E. Jackson St., San Jose, on page 81 (Licentiate).

No man in this world has a right to all his rights.—*Phillips Brooks*.

Don't be a carbon copy of someone else, make your own impressions.

Superintendent's Home

The purchase of the new Superintendent's home has been consummated and he is now moved in. The home is located at 3832 Kirkham Street, San Francisco, between 42nd and 43rd Avenues.

District Changes

Transferred INTO the District:

Spurgeon Oren, Colfax, Calif., (Ordained) from the Southern California District.

Elmer C. Shively, Fortuna, Calif., (Ordained), from the Northwest District.

V. Ernest Shores, Oakland, Calif., (Ordained) from the Southern California District.

Transferred OUT of the District:

Burton W. Pierce (Ordained) to the Southern California District.

Forrest A. Murray (Ordained) to the Kansas District.

Floyd T. Taylor (Ordained) to the Arkansas District.

Ruby A. Taylor, Mrs. F. T., (Licensed) to the Arkansas District.

Re-instated: Verne A. Graham, Covelo, Cal.

Withdrew: Louis G. La Porte.

Filipino Convention

Brother E. C. Lagmay, President of the Filipino Assemblies of God, reports that their Seventh Annual Convention, held in the Upper Room Mission, San Jose, was greatly blessed of the Lord. Souls were saved, and many encouraged to press on in the work of the Lord. Superintendent W. T. Gaston was the main speaker. Sister Ina Rea Vancil conducted a children's Bible class. A goodly number of the District brethren attended at various times.

Armored

Principalities and powers,
Mustering their unseen array;
Wait for thy unguarded hours:
Watch and pray.

Gird thy heavenly armour on,
Wear it every night and day:
Ambushed lies the evil one;
Watch and pray.

Bringing Christ to the Servicemen

by VICTOR A. SANDERSON

In a recent visit to one of our Northern California army camps, I entered a large building known as a P.X. Buying and selling, drinking, meeting with old and new friends seemed to be the program of the evening. I had just received permission to post a bulletin for one of our local churches when I noticed a group of Japanese-American soldiers sitting on beer boxes. I went over and stood by them. They invited me to sit down and join them. This I gladly did, and preached Christ to them.

This group had just returned from the European theater of war. I asked who would go out to my car for prayer. One young man volunteered, and God saved him. With joy all over his face, he said, "You ought to be talking and praying with all those boys in there." He was encouraged to witness to them and was supplied with gospel literature to start right to work for the Lord among his own group.

McClellan Field Hospital was visited with good results, having the opportunity to pray with boys with malaria. Two were in tents and could not see me, but I prayed right through the tent and God saved them.

In Mare Island Hospital and General De Witt Hospital are many brave and gallant men who have just returned from the war zones, some terribly shot up. It was my privilege to visit with them bed by bed and to pray with them. Several of them gave their hearts to the Lord.

I was able to contact three chaplains who will be leaving right soon for overseas duty, and I was happy to supply them with gospel literature to take along with them. Among these is one of our own Assembly of God ministers, Chaplain Keys.

Through our Servicemen's Department the chaplains receive public address systems, literature, short wave radios, Bibles and Testaments, foreign language literature, and communion sets. These are but some of the items provided in a determined effort to see that they have access to every possible means of winning and strengthening men for Christ, and we have more than 2,200 of them on our list now. This is

all made possible only through the gifts of interested people, folk like you. We must not let them down. Also we can help finance this work by:

1. Taking regular offerings.
2. Encouraging other churches nearby to do the same.
3. Offerings in our fellowship meetings and conventions.

Several Districts have taken official action along this line. Oklahoma and Arkansas have both passed resolutions requesting every church to receive a monthly offering for the Servicemen's Department. Our own District is also asking every church to co-operate. The Southern California District has invited us to contact the churches in their territory in the interest of our work.

Don't forget that the boys are giving their lives on the battle fronts right now for you. What are you doing for them?

Appreciates Our Work for Servicemen

Under date of Tuesday, November 28, 1944, the following appeared in the OAKLAND TRIBUNE in *Geraldine's* column:

XYZ Recommends Hospitality Centers

There are other places than the Hospitality House where our men in uniform can find fun, food, and recreation. XYZ is telling of two such places in Oakland, and maybe if the fellas go there they won't "take a drop too much" elsewhere.

Dear Geraldine: Some time ago in your column there was a letter from a serviceman who felt that the Bay area was not doing its part in taking care of the boys who pass through this embarkation center. Now I am not a native, but I surely want to express my appreciation for the kindness I have found everywhere, from natives and out-of-staters too. Perhaps this fellow didn't go to the right places to find friendliness as I have found it. I happen to know that quite a lot of time, effort, and expense has been put to practical work in providing homelike place for the fellows and girls in the service. If our soldier friend only knew it, there are two such places that are especially good. One is the Christian Home located at 108 Lake Street, and the Victory Service Center located at

226 14th Street, both in Oakland. Now the Christian Home is indeed a haven of rest to weary homesick fellows and girls. There you can obtain a clean bed, freshen up, and have a nice meal all at the expense of the Home, without any obligation to the servicemen at all.

There are facilities for writing letters, listening to good music, and even a chapel where you can clean the slate with God, if you feel the urge. I happen to know from first-hand information that good, godly people are donating of

their money, time, and energy to prepare good things to eat for all the fellows and girls who care to take advantage of their hospitality.

Now the Victory Service Center is also a lovely place, where canteen service is combined with a game room, lounge and chapel. I believe both of these places deserve a plug in your column, so I'm hoping you will be interested enough to go and see for yourself just what it is like.

I know there are many other places in operation for the comforts of servicemen too, and it is not fair to let the general public feel that our section of the country is slighting the men in uniform . . .

Hoping to see this in print soon.

Sincerely, XYZ (Address given).

Formal Prayer

I often say my prayers,
But do I ever pray?
And do the wishes of my heart
Go with the words I say?

I may as well kneel down
And worship gods of stone
As offer to the living God
A prayer of words alone.

For words without the heart,
The Lord will never hear,
Nor will He those lips attend,
Whose hearts are not sincere.

—John Burton.

Man's security is the devil's opportunity.

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Victory Convention Report

by ROBERT CARRINGTON

Our Victory Convention is over! And victory it was and still is. Truly this convention was signally blessed of God, and, as so many have expressed themselves, "It was the best convention, bar none." From the very first the manifestation of God's presence was evidenced. The opening rally on Friday night started us off to a grand beginning with approximately 1,000 in attendance. Brother Watson Argue, our convention speaker, brought a stirring message on "The Second Generation," a straightforward, right-to-the-point message regarding the truth that now, as never, this latter day outpouring is dependant upon the youth of today. That night six or eight were filled with the Spirit.

Before beginning this convention we asked God to make it the most spiritual gathering we have had, and to that end prayer was an important theme, and the prayer room the most important place. Every service was climaxed with a great after-service. We wish all our Christ's Ambassadors could have seen the sight as hundreds crowded the prayer room, the platform, the orchestra pit, and overflowed into the auditorium chairs. Many, many decisions for God were made and a great company were filled with the Spirit.

L. B. Lewis, president of the Southern District, spoke Saturday morning. God anointed him as he broke the Word of Life to us. Saturday afternoon was Glad Tidings Bible Institute and Alumni service. All enjoyed their exceptionally fine music under the direction of Gaylord Atwell; and the inspirational message delivered by evangelist and alumnus Robert Thomas was a masterpiece.

Sunday morning our own District Superintendent, W. T. Gaston, brought an outstanding message straight from the shoulder emphasizing the need of our realization of utter dependence upon God and the fact that relying upon the ability of the flesh is futility. God melted

our hearts as we sang, "I need Thee, Oh, I need Thee."

Our Missionary meeting on Sunday afternoon was inspiring. Howard Osgood, missionary to China, indeed delivered his soul and brought conviction to all as he broke down the walls of prejudice which bind so many concerning the people of other races, remembering they are all brothers for whom Christ died. The attendance that afternoon was the largest, there being approximately fifteen hundred present. We received an offering before the message which is for a missionary transportation fund. It is a new endeavor of the young people's department at Springfield, the purpose being to obtain cars, motorcycles, planes, jeeps, motorboats, etc., for the use of our missionaries in the carrying on of their work faster and more efficiently.

Not the least of the blessings received was the fine music. Under the direction of Paul Korok, with about 35 to 50 instruments, the orchestra was an important part of all the services; and particularly did we have a large orchestra on Sunday night when almost every instrument available was utilized.

What a meeting Sunday night! There were about 40 that gave their hearts definitely to God. A never-to-be-forgotten sight. There were about 10 or 12 that received the infilling of the Spirit the same evening.

Many received the definite touch they had been looking for. And as we go throughout our district, we find so many young people that have gotten a new hold on God as a result of our Victory Convention. We are praying that the work started will not cease but will be the driving force that leads our young people on to a greater life of service than they have ever known.

The offering taken at the Sunday afternoon service of the C.A. convention for the Missionary Transportation Fund amounted to \$328.66.

You Will Never Be Sorry

For living a pure life;
For doing your level best;
For being kind to the poor;
For hearing before judging;
For thinking before speaking;
For harboring clean thoughts;
For stopping your ears to gossip;
For standing by right principles;
For asking pardon when in error;
For being square in business dealings;
For promptness in keeping your promises;
For leading some souls to Christ.

—Covenanter Witness.

Make Time

Oh, how few find time for prayer! There is time for everything else, time to sleep and time to eat, time to read the newspaper, time to visit friends, time for everything else under the sun, but—no time for prayer.

Susannah Wesley in spite of the fact that she had nineteen children, found time to shut herself in her room for a full hour each day, alone with God. It is not so much a case of finding time as it is of making time. And we can make time if we will.—Oswald Smith.

You tell what you are by the way you walk
By the things of which you delight to talk,
By the manner in which you bear defeat,
By so simple a thing as how you eat.

By the books you choose from the well-filled shelf:
In these ways and more, you tell on yourself;
So there's really no particle of sense
In an effort to keep up false pretense.

—From *The Lighted Pathway*.

An atheist has a reason, but no hope for his reason. A hypocrite has a hope but no reason for his hope. A Christian has a reason for his hope and a hope for his reason.

Sunday School News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative
Morgan Hill, California

Sunday School Friends and Workers:

Let us do something for our High School young folks!

I suggest a "Bible Character Study" for a change; a study that will give the young people some activity as well as interesting study.

Although you may choose another Bible character, and various changes may be made in study to suit the character of your choice, here is an outline of a proposed study program:

1. Prayer:

For the service and study.

For wisdom.

For souls of our high school pals.

2. Suggested songs and choruses:

"Onward Christian Soldiers."

"The Fight Is On."

"Hold the Fort."

"Victory Ahead."

"All Out for Jesus."

"It Will Be Worth It All."

3. Introduction for leader:

Eze. 22:30—Text.

These are difficult days, Lives under pressure, And God needs men!

Tonight we search for a man; one that can live a life *today*—a successful Christian life under difficulty.

Tonight we will look for a pattern of man. And with this we open the portals, and enter the mighty Word of God.

4. "Sound and Object Clues" used to assist the group in guessing the character's name.

1. (song) "So, If I'm Dreaming."

2. Sheep (imitated)

3. 20 pieces of silver (sound as if counting 20 pieces of silver).

4. "A coat and an outer garment—and I lost both of them."

(Statement made by the character).

5. Keys.

6. A silver cup.

7. Song of forgiveness.

Who is he?

JOSEPH ON TRIAL BY MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

(A week previous to the study, each of the following are typed on separate

slips and sealed in separate blank envelopes and passed out to the group as "sealed orders" for the "study" service.

Tell of Joseph's—

1. Parents and lineage.
2. His circumstances.
3. His environment.
4. His good points.
5. His bad points.
6. His spirituality.
7. His friends.
8. His enemies.
9. His difficulties.
10. His achievements.
11. Points of imagination:

a. What if Joseph had given up his dreaming to gain favor of his brethren?

b. What if he had broken faith with the jailer who entrusted the whole prison to him?

c. What if Joseph had given up and was in a bad mood when the butler and baker needed their dreams interpreted?

d. What if Joseph had refused to forgive his brothers?

12. Tell Joseph's own story and how you think he felt, how he might fit or fill a life under difficulty in 1944?

Conclusion: God makes the desert of difficulty bloom for the Christian:

In the valley we find a lily; in the desert, a rose. (Josh. 1:8 and 9).

Yours for their souls and His glory.

—Sister Mast.

What Jesus Uses

The dear Lord Jesus used a lunch,

He used a donkey, too;

Then why suppose He could not use

A little child like you?

He used a little fish to give

A coin His tax to pay;

'Twas just a little thing it did,

We hear some people say.

So what we have, however small,

To Jesus we may give;

He'll ask no more, except OURSELVES

As long as here we live.

—Selected.

Hold On, Teacher

"... Hold fast till I come." (Rev. 2:25)

Hold on, Teacher, hold on—do!
Christ, our Lord, depends on you
To hold the fort—the Sunday School;
To fill that vacant, childless stool—
To let His love in you be seen,
That it may flow, through channel clean,
Into the heart of tiny child,
Or that of tomboy running wild;
By His dear grace to overflow
To Peg, and Nell, and Tom, and Joe.

Hold on, Teacher, hold on tight!—
Watch and pray with all your might!
Perhaps the class—your hope and joy—
Has dwindled to one girl, or boy?
Some have moved and some are ill,
Aunty Jane's invited Jill
To visit her in London Town,
While Archie Jones and Georgie Brown
Have gone a-fishing—'gainst the rule;
Quite forgetting Sunday School.

Hold on, Teacher, faithful be!
He knows the way is hard, for He
Has trod the self-same path you tread—
Full many an unseen tear He shed
Because they would not heed His voice,
Remember this; and then rejoice!
For He has called and chosen you—
Oh, thank Him you're one of the "few"
Ordained to live His precious Word
That all may see within you—GOD.

So, hold on, Teacher, just hold on!
With lambs you've loved and taught and
won;
And when the weary way is o'er,
And tears are dried for evermore,
"You'll pass unchallenged through the
gate
Where welcoming Spirits watch and
wait

To hail thy coming with sweet accord
To the Holy City of God the Lord."
And He—all glorious as the sun—
Will greet thee: "Faithful one, well
done."

—Redemption Tidings, England.

There is no volume held in such contempt as the Bible, even by some who profess to honor it. You cannot honor the Bible by binding it, gilding it, looking at it; you can honor the Bible in only one way, and that is by reading it, taking it into the soul, reproducing it in living literature, in epistles "known and read of all men."—Dr. Joseph Parker.

STUDIES IN DANIEL

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STUDY IX

THE BEAST VISION OF THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES CHAPTER 7, PART I

The vision of Nebuchadnezzar in chapter two is known to us as the "image vision." In it God pointed out the course of Gentile world dominion from Nebuchadnezzar's day down to the end of "the times of the Gentiles." This vision that we call the "beast vision" covers the same ground; so chapter two and chapter seven should be studied together. Here we are given some additional details. Nebuchadnezzar was a king; Daniel was a prophet. Nebuchadnezzar saw Gentile world dominion from the standpoint of a king who delights in worldly pomp: he saw a dazzling image; its brightness was excellent; its form was terrible. Daniel saw the same thing from the standpoint of God who sees not as man sees; he saw four ravenous beasts of prey. Thus in both visions are seen the four great successive empires of "the times of the Gentiles" that we must never forget began with Nebuchadnezzar and will end with Antichrist.

The book of Daniel is not arranged chronologically. The first six chapters are largely historical; the last six almost entirely prophetical. That which is historical in the last chapters is introduced for the purpose of introducing the prophecy. The prophetical section of Daniel we regard as the more important.

The events of the fifth chapter took place in the last year of Belshazzar, and the events of the sixth chapter in the first year of Darius who displaced Belshazzar and his father, Nabonidus, with whom he had been reigning conjointly. The vision of this chapter was seen by Daniel in the first year of Belshazzar, whereas the vision of the next chapter appeared in the third year which may have been his last year.

The first three verses we regard as introductory. Daniel "wrote the dream" for the benefit of posterity, "and told the sum of the matters" for the information and edification of succeeding generations. He tells us the "four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea," by which we are to understand humanity, — the fallen human race. "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when

it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt" (Isa. 57:20). "The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" (Rev. 17:15). The striving of the winds denotes the struggling of princes and peoples for the mastery. These struggles have kept the sea troubled all the way down through the centuries; and at the present time there is "upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring" (Luke 21:25). The history of the nations of the earth has been a history of bloody conflict. Bishop Newman once said that if all the blood shed in fratricidal warfare were to be gathered together into one vast basin there would be a reservoir of sufficient circumference and depth to float the navies of all the nations of the earth; and it is likely that if all the men that have fallen upon battle fields were raised from the dead there would be such a vast host that the earth would not be able to produce enough to sustain their lives.

Mark the fact that the winds that strove upon the sea are spoken of as "the four winds of the heaven." It is Satan who dominates the kingdoms and empires of earth, and he is represented, not only as "the god of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4), but also as "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2). Paul says, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," or, as Rotherham renders it, "against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places," or, as in Moffatt's rendering, "the spirit-forces of evil in the heavenly sphere." See Eph. 6:12. The kingdom of Satan is evidently well organized, and the powers of darkness are arrayed against the children of God, and, not only against us, but against all humanity. Back of all the turmoil, all the strife, all the wickedness, all the wars of humanity, stands Satan, with the powers of evil marshalled under his leadership.

I. The Beast Like a Lion

Verse 4. Moffatt renders this verse thus, "The first was like a lion, and it

had the wings of a vulture; I watched till I saw the wings pulled off and the Beast forced to rise and stand erect upon the earth, on two feet like a man; also a human mind was given to it." And in the Smith-Goodspeed translation we read, "The first was like a lion, with the wings of an eagle; I watched till its wings were plucked off, and it was raised from the earth, and made to stand on two feet like a man, while the mind of a man was given to it." It is to be noted that in both of these translations "mind" instead of heart"; in the first, "a human mind," and in the second, "the mind of a man," which is the same. The lion is the king among beasts, and the eagle is the king among birds. The lion denotes both strength and ferocity, and the eagle possesses keenness of vision in searching for its prey; it sees its prey while yet a great way off and swoops down upon it with remarkable alacrity and seizes it with its talons. In the statement that "the wings thereof were plucked," etc., it has been supposed by some that there is a reference to Nebuchadnezzar's madness. But others, and among them Calvin, have thought otherwise. Calvin says, "By these modes of speech one understands that the Assyrians and Chaldeans were reduced in rank—that now they were not like lions, but like men." Note that in 1 Sam. 17:10 we have the expression, "whose heart is as the heart of a lion." There have been some who have thought that what is set forth here is the fact that the nation that had once been barbarous, cruel as a lion, preying upon human beings, and causing as much fear and consternation among the nations as a lion turned loose in a community is likely to cause among the inhabitants of that community, had become more civilized and was now acting in a more humane manner. But can that be the meaning? Does history justify us in believing that the Babylonian Empire, for this beast symbolizes that empire, ever underwent such a change? Objection has been made that the reference could not be to Nebuchadnezzar's madness for the reason that Nebuchadnezzar was given a beast's heart (4:16), whereas here the beast is given a man's heart. But the objection loses its force if we accept the conclusion that the reference is a reference to the recovery of Nebuchadnezzar from his mental madness. His heart had been changed from man's to a beast's heart;

now it was changed back again: the fierce lion was changed, the ferocious eagle was transformed,—was made to stand erect as a man, whereas before he had been walking on all fours; and to him was given normal mentality, so that he was fit to be restored to his throne and palace from which he had been driven, and at the same time a man's heart was given to him, the heart of a converted man. If this is not the meaning it is difficult for us to ascertain what the meaning is. But whatever the views of interpreters may be concerning the description of this first beast that Daniel saw, practically all are agreed that the beast symbolized the Babylonian Empire, an empire that reached its highest peak of power and prestige under Nebuchadnezzar who regarded himself as the builder of Babylon—"Is not this great Babylon which I have built?"—and whose name is found on most of the bricks that have been recovered from the ruins of the city that finally fell and was utterly destroyed in accordance with divine prediction.

II. The Beast Like a Bear

Verse 5. "And behold, another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh." The beast like a lion, symbolizing the Babylonian Empire corresponds with the head of gold in the "image vision" of the second chapter. Here the beast like a bear symbolizes the Medo-Persian Empire, corresponding with the breast and arms of silver in the "image vision." It is represented as raising itself up on one side, indicating, it would appear, that one part would be stronger than the other and would rise first. Persia was stronger than Media and rose first. The beast "had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it." A good sister called me on the phone one day and asked me what was meant by these ribs. I told her that there is a difference of opinion among interpreters, and that I was not sure. She said, "I went to hear a Pentecostal preacher last evening, and he said that God had revealed to him that by the three ribs we are to understand the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational Churches." I laughed outright. How ridiculous! God had, of course, revealed no such thing to him. Let us be careful in the interpreting of God's Word that we fol-

low the lines of sane exegesis and avoid all extreme views and conclusions into which many are plunged by an unbridled imagination. Imagination is a good thing, but it must be kept under the control of a well disciplined mind, and such a mind, if from it are to come helpful suggestions as to the meaning of the Word where the meaning is not on the surface and can be easily observed, must be under the control of the Holy Spirit.

There have been various opinions as to what we are to understand by these "three ribs." Some have thought that we are to understand by them the provinces of Susiana, Lydia and Asia Minor; others that they denote Babylon, Lydia and Egypt. I am inclined to accept the latter view. These kingdoms became a part of the empire as a result of conquest, but were never digested. It is one thing for a conquering nation to overrun and take possession of the country of another nation; it is quite another thing for the conquering nation to digest the nation conquered. At the present time we see what trouble Germany has been having with conquered nations in Europe. The ravenous beast of which Hitler is the head has had a lot of ribs in his mouth, but has not been able to properly masticate and digest these nations, and the time is at hand when he is having to give up his prey. He may have been getting a lot of juice out of "the ribs" but the ribs themselves he could neither digest nor swallow.

Let us not forget that we are not definitely told what we are to understand by these ribs. Daniel was not told what the meaning was, or, if he was told, the Spirit did not lead him to record the revelation made. And perhaps it would be better for us not to be wise above that which has been written. We can express our ideas, but we should not be too dogmatic in our insistence upon them.

"And they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh." Who said thus unto it? We are not told. Perhaps the "watchers" we read of in 4:17, "This matter is by the decrees of the watchers." Undoubtedly angels—beings commissioned by God to act on His behalf and under His direct supervision. That they were operating then we are definitely assured, and that they are operating now we have reasons to believe. See Rev. 5:6 and compare with Zech. 3:9, 4:10.

III. The Beast Like a Leopard

Verse 6. "After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given unto it." Here we see symbolized the Macedonian or Grecian Empire of Alexander the Great, symbolized in the "image vision" by the belly and thighs of brass. We shall learn more about Alexander when we get into the next chapter where he is symbolized by the notable horn of the fifth verse.

The leopard moves quickly, and quietly, like a big cat; he belongs to the same family to which the cat belongs, and is sometimes spoken of as a cat. No conqueror ever moved, the means of moving available in the day in which he lived being taken into consideration, as quickly and as quietly as did Alexander.

Wings in Bible symbolism denote celerity of movement. Here they represent the swiftness with which this empire carried its victories in every direction. Alexander died at an early age; he was only thirty-two at the time of his death; and it has been said that he conquered the whole world, and then sat down and wept because there were no more worlds to conquer. Whoever, however, invented that old saying, concocted it out of a misinformed mind, for Alexander *did not* succeed in conquering the whole world; he well-nigh succeeded, and might have fully succeeded had not his soldiers mutinied and refused to go any farther.

By the four heads of this beast we are to understand the four divisions into which the empire was divided at Alexander's death. It is a well known fact with which all students of history are familiar that at the death of Alexander his kingdom was divided among his four generals, Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus, and Ptolemy.

(The remaining four divisions of this study will be considered in subsequent issues.)

My Brother

I looked at my brother with the microscope of criticism and I said, "How coarse my brother is!" I looked at him with the telescope of scorn and I said, "How small my brother is!" Then I looked in the mirror of truth and I said, "How like me my brother is!"—B. Hall.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

That is what happened at Glad Tidings Bible Institute. Many of us were asking the Lord to send us enough new students to give us a total of 100 in our student body. The Lord heard our prayer and answered it; but He sent us good measure also. We now have 116 students enrolled, and the Lord has showered us with many gracious outpourings of His Spirit.

Our new students are: Doris Abbot, Sebastopol; Starling Avants, Reedley; Avril Baker, Modesto; Helen Beasley, Sally Mae Bradley, Harold Moe, and Arthur Pflueger, Richmond; Kenneth and Marjorie Brightwell, Sweet Home, Oregon; Ray Britton, Eugene, Oregon; Corrine Belau, Medford, Oregon; Betty Click, Redlands; Nell Covington, San Antonio, Texas; Murlon Kelly, Sausalito; Evelyn Hughes and Lucille Price, Palo Alto; Ruby Morgan, Watsonville; Jo Wayne Nipper, Kingsburg; Ronald Nordstrom, Clarkdale, Arizona; Dorothy Rank, Caruthers; Dolly Rhodes, Tulare; Alline Sayad, Turlock; Faith Scofield, Sweet Home, Oregon; Leroy Shelly, Westwood; Burton and Euretta Shirley, Napa; Alton Smith, Long Beach; Harold Treat, San Francisco; Helen Wallers, Fresno; Dan Woodall, Port Orange, Florida; Harrison McGuigan, Peoria, Illinois; Margaret Kvaternick, Chicago, Illinois; Mary Atkinson, Kansas; Dean Duncan, Taft; Elsie Simpkins, Napa (returned missionary from Hawaii); Bruce York, Portland, Oregon.

We are thanking the Lord for this good group of students, and we believe that they will prove a real blessing. We have the cream of the crop of young people in our Bible schools, and the Lord is calling them into His harvest field that many souls may be brought into His kingdom.

Our entire student body is missionary minded. Already this semester we have had several returned missionaries speak to us, and they have presented a challenge to us. We are anxious to complete our work in Bible school that we may the sooner enter into active service and prepare ourselves for the vast missionary

program which is soon to be launched. Young people are needed; the youth of the land are wanted—those who have years ahead of them in which to serve the Lord. Praise God! He has reached many lives who are now consecrating themselves to full-time service that they may spread this gospel message before it is too late; for soon the time for reaping will be over. God grant that many more young people will be added to our forces.

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Alumni Echoes

Leonard Leisy, Class of 1941, reports as follows: "Since leaving G.T.B.I. in the spring of 1941, the Lord has been especially good to me. I attended C.B.I. for one term, and from there went to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to take over the music work of the church. The Lord helped me wonderfully in the work there. I am now going to the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Fresno to do assistant pastoral work."

Cleo Waters, '35, and Erwin Waters, '36, were visitors at Glad Tidings Temple recently. Brother Cleo Waters is now pastor at Crosby, Minnesota. He recently concluded a very successful six-year ministry at Pillager, Minnesota. Brother Waters was visiting relatives and friends in Lodi. He was accompanied by his wife and two little sons. Erwin Waters, brother of Cleo, was in the uniform of the U.S. Army. He is Chief Warrant Officer at Camp Roberts, California in the Personnel Department.

Reporting for other Alumni members in the Minnesota District, Brother Waters tells us that Brother Gustafson, '36, is pastoring a church in St. Paul, Minn. Brother W. Barker, also of '36, has a church in Marietta, Minn.

—WM. WEINMANN, Secty.

Brother Jas. W. Denton, long a faithful worker in the church in Colfax, in keeping it going during struggling times, has been promoted to glory. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sister Denton and the family in their loss.

By the time this is printed the 1944 Christmas season will have passed into eternity, and we will be pressing forward into 1945, one year nearer the return of our Saviour. I trust that every W. M. C. member will hear the words "well done, thou good and faithful servant, you have done what you could."

Of course all the reports are not in, but from those that have come in, one can see that there are some very active workers even in these busy days. The response for Christmas boxes for home missions churches has been good in my local section; and from the letters received from other district chairmen, it is true in other sections, too. May God bless you larger sister districts.

While prosperity abounds for some, others are still being blessed by the marvelous way God is making the unbelievably few dollars spread into supplying every need. We can get a taste of the blessing when we give of our bounty to add a few extras at this time. So when I say God bless you, everyone, I know that you are answering back, "He has!"

—MRS. BEULAH CULL, Secretary.

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never quench the Spirit, but rather yield more and more. The more we let Him have His way the easier it is to yield to His control.

There are many more ways in which the Spirit may be demonstrated in our lives. These mentioned are but a few. Let us check up on ourselves to see where we stand before God at the beginning of the new year.

I recall hearing of a colored boy who was handy man at a drug store. He wanted to please his employer very much, and was anxious to find out if his work was satisfactory. So he went over to a neighboring store and phoned his employer asking if he needed a boy to help him. When his employer said he had a boy, the colored boy asked if the work was being done satisfactorily. Receiving an answer in the affirmative, he hung up. The manager of the store from which he was calling overheard the conversation and said, "I thought you worked in that drug store. Why were you phoning as you did?" The colored boy replied, "I do work there, boss, but I'se jest checkin' up on myself." Let us check up on ourselves at the beginning of this new year.

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W. T. GASTON

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Wednesday	10:00 a.m. R. J. Thurmond, speaker 2:00 p.m. Frank M. Boyd, speaker 7:30 p.m. Servicemen's Work
Thursday	10:00 a.m. Harry C. Warwick, speaker 2:00 p.m. Foreign Missions 7:30 p.m. G. T. B. I.
Friday	10:00 a.m. N. E. Hinman, speaker 2:00 p.m. Home Missions Rev. Brown, Sunday School Representative of Springfield, Mo. 7:30 p.m. C. A Rally

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